

St James the Less Parish Church West Teignmouth



Great War Memorial Window

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The Memorial Window on the North side is remarkable as it depicts the Regimental and Naval Badges, and each of the 111 names of those of the Parish who fell in the 1914-1918 War. Above the badges are the four Patron Saints – St. George of England, St. Andrew of Scotland, St. David of Wales and St. Patrick of Ireland. The figure of the Archangel St. Michael is standing on a cloud with two Angels holding a scroll which reads “Their name liveth for evermore”. At the bottom is inscribed “To the glory of God and in memory of our brave men who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. Though they be dead, yet they speak”.

The Window was unveiled on St. James`s Day 1920 by the Dean of Exeter.

From St James’ Guide Book

Preface

Though they be dead yet they speak...

So runs the inscription at the foot of the Great War memorial window in St James'. Even before the centenary of the outbreak of hostilities arrives, the nation has begun to remember the countless individual stories that form a tapestry of tragedy, courage and sacrifice. Their stories speak to us today.

On 21 November 1914, just 116 days after the start of the Great War, young Lieutenant Eric Carr Liptrott was mortally wounded in action at Festubert in northern France. Just five days earlier Liptrott had been mentioned in dispatches for his gallant and distinguished service as he rescued his wounded comrade in a night action, carrying him to safety through heavy fire. He died five days after being wounded himself and was buried at Boulogne. As a Gentleman Cadet from the Royal Military College he had been appointed Second Lieutenant to serve in the Indian Army seven years before his death, so, I guess, would have counted among the more experienced of our troops

Like the vast majority of the nine million combatants who lost their lives in the Great War, he had left loved ones back home. In Eric's case, his father was Vicar of St James, West Teignmouth. Shortly after the war, The Revd B B Liptrott raised funds to install a great memorial window at St James. As it was unveiled at a crowded service on Sunday 25th July 1920, so were revealed individual panes containing the names and regimental badges of 111 parishioners who gave their lives. 111 stories, including that of his own son Eric.

At 3.00pm on Sunday 27th July 2014, the day before the centenary of the start of World War 1, we gathered in St James to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who answered the call to arms. Members of local veteran and uniformed organisations and an address from a serving Army Chaplain helped us remember that the sacrifice and courage of the so-called 'war to end all wars' have been in evidence in every decade since.

Rev'd Preb Graham Stones
Team Rector
Haldon Team Ministry

July 2014

Introduction

When remedial works were being carried out on the Memorial Window at St James Church, Teignmouth in 2013, it was announced that the Centenary of the outbreak of World War One would be nationally commemorated in 2014. At the following Parochial Church Council meeting, led by Reverend Graham Stones, it was agreed that Mrs Doris Pashley, Church warden, and Mrs Joyce Annal, a member of the PCC, would gather as much information as possible regarding the window and the people named on it. It was agreed that a service would be held on 27th July 2014 to rededicate the window.

The research started with a list being made of all the names on the window, which should have been straightforward, but wasn't. There are actually 111 names, but the description of the window in old parish magazines states there are 110. We believe this discrepancy is due to two listings for a J. H. Cornelius. Of course, it is possible that there were two people of this name that died during the war; however, we only found a record for one. It was also noted that a Teignmouth Post report that carried the names of the fallen, also only listed one J. H. Cornelius. Further confusion is added by the Teignmouth Post listing two names, which in fact, are not on the window; they are Pte E. Marles - Canadians and Pte S. E. Sampson - LRB. As we were unable to find any of the original documents listing the names, we cannot speculate on how the list was compiled or why some names were omitted, we could only report on the facts we had.

The individual information on each man was found on-line at www.devonheritage.org/WarMemorials and where further information was available, this too has been included. On visiting the Devon Heritage Centre at Exeter, the only information we could uncover in the Diocese records for St James's regarding the window, was a copy of the Faculty granted on 28.4.1920 which had to be "displayed on the Principle Door of St James West Teignmouth at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon on Sunday 2/5/1920 and remain affixed until the hour of five in the afternoon on Sunday 9/5/1920." It also stated that Public Contribution had defrayed the estimated cost of £240: it was dated 23/4/1920. Also in the file was a set of coloured drawings of the proposed window, which were a work of art in their own right.

Whilst at the Heritage Centre, we trawled through copies of the Teignmouth Post for 1919 and 1920 and found three articles worthy of inclusion. The first one dated 20/2/1920 explains the agreed design of the window based on the above drawings. The second one, dated 30/7/1920, gives a comprehensive account of the Church Service when the Window was Unveiled, and finally a report on a Teignmouth Family's Treble Loss, which includes a letter of condolence sent by Winston Churchill, on behalf of their Majesties the King and Queen.

Some of the names on the window are common to many families living in Teignmouth today and it is hoped, in this Centenary Year, that local people will be given the opportunity to discover something of their ancestors, and join us to pay homage to them for their great sacrifice at the rededication service on 27th July 2014.

Doris Pashley
Joyce Annal

May 2014

From the Teignmouth Post 1920

FRIDAY 20th, FEBRUARY 1920

WEST TEIGNMOUTH WAR MEMORIAL

A further step in connection with the above was taken last night by a meeting held at the Parish Hall under the presidency of the Rev. B. B. Liptrott.

Mr Drake, of Exeter, attended, and produced a drawing of the window proposed to be erected to the memory of the parishioners of West Teignmouth who lost their lives in the War. He explained the general design which is to include illustrations of the patron saints of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The panes would be diagonal, following an almost exclusively English practise in stained glass work. To each officer or man will be devoted a pane which will show his name, regiment, or ship, with the appropriate badge.

During the discussion, a rather interesting point was introduced by the Rev. C. J. Eckett, from which it was clearly shown that the Church was never dedicated to St. James the Less but the greater saint. It was, therefore, thought appropriate to endeavour to have the unveiling ceremony on St. James` Day, July 25th. 1920.

It may appear that an unseeming delay has occurred in connection with the memorial scheme, but it should be borne in mind it has involved considerable labour to secure a complete list of names. The northern gallery has had to be removed and, furthermore, during cold weather, it would be impossible to interfere with the present window so as to make room for the memorial. Altogether the names of 16 officers and 94 men will be recorded for the benefit of the present and future generations.

FRIDAY 30th, JULY 1920

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN WINDOW UNVEILED AT ST. JAMES` CHURCH

There was a crowded congregation at St. James` Church, West Teignmouth, on Sunday morning, when the memorial window to those parishioners who fell in the Great War was unveiled by Dr Gamble, Dean of Exeter. The window which was designed and erected by old Teignmothians - Messrs. F. Drake and Sons, of Exeter – cost about £400, of which up to Sunday about £60 remained to be raised. It is on the north side of the church and a portion of the gallery has had to be removed for its erection.

The north aisle was reserved for those who have lost relatives in the war. The members of the Urban District Council present were: Mr H. C. Full (Chairman), Miss Cartwright, Messrs. J. J. Carver, R. E. Cooke, W. J. Joslin, A. Mallett, F. H. Rogers and R. D. Watson. These were accompanied by Dr. F. S. Piggott (medical officer of health), Messrs. F. W. Knight (surveyor), H. Higham (gas manager), W. H. Turner (rate collector) and H. J. Thick (sanitary inspector). The Comrades of the Great War, under Lieut.-Col. F. J. Daxbury (commandant);

The Coastguards, naval men on leave and ex-naval men, under Chief Officer J. Corden: St John Ambulance Brigade, under Brigade Officer G. A. Bilton; and the Girl Guides were also present.

A most impressive service opened with the singing of the hymn “ O God our help in ages past” to the accompaniment of the band of the Comrades, under Bandmaster C. Robbins.

The opening prayers were read by the Rev. C.J. Eckett (curate). Special Psalms were sung- the 27th and 150th- the Vicar (the Rev. B. B. Liptrott) mentioning that these were most appropriate for the dedication of the window which was not only to give light to the church but appropriate of Him who said “ I am the light of the world”. Psalm 27 had been used by many men during the war and was a source of great comfort to them. There was confidence in the Psalm. During the war they had asked God to give them victory and they had triumphed. The 150th Psalm was a song of gladness.

The first lesson, Isaiah vi., was read by Canon Mitchell, and the second lesson, part of Revelations xxi., by the Rev. Crowther Smith (curate). After the third collect, the Dean preceded by the Churchwardens and Clergy, walked down the aisle to the window, and after a special prayer unveiled it. He afterwards dedicated it “ In the name of the Father in memory of his servants who fell in the war”. The “Last Post” was then sounded by C. P. O. Sanders, Messrs. W. Nicks, J. Richards, A. Chudleigh, J. Webber and S. Lane, Bandmaster Robbins conducting. The choir afterwards gave a beautiful rendering (unaccompanied) of the anthem “ For God so loved the world”. Before reading the concluding prayers, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Urban District Council and all who were present. The hymn “ Fight the good fight” preceded the sermon.

Dr Gamble took for his text part of the 8th verse of the sixth chapter of Isaiah, “ Here am I; send me”. In the course of an eloquent address, the Dean said there were many calls that came to men in their lives. One was the call of their country. That morning their memories went back to that

fateful year, 1914. That time when England in the hour of peril stood like a great mother looking to her sons, and asking the question "Who shall I send?" Then came the response, and gallant and brave and many were the heroic deeds done. There was self forgetting enthusiasm in that great response from men who belonged to all sections of Society. Men of peace for the most part, who were nevertheless ready when the time came. From thousands of throats came the response, "Here I am; send me." They all went: but all did not return. In all the theatres of war, Englishmen were content to die in a great cause. Naturally there was the feeling that they would have liked those near and dear to them to be laid near them, but a great Greek writer had said that the whole world was an open sepulchre. Amongst those that made the response were some of their own friends, neighbours and relatives, who were dear to their hearts that day. Devon, who once turned the heart of Spain, was ready. As in the Litany for the faithful departed, they would say, "Grant unto them, eternal rest, O Lord." They commemorated with pride and thanksgiving the memory of those who died that we might live. They lived and they died as patriots. They must, however, remember that patriotism was not everything. Patriotism at its best was a high and noble thing. If their heroes thought England was worth dying for let those present remember it was worth living for. The war nearly wrecked them, and another such war would wreck Western civilisation. There were many ways they could serve their country, and there was always work to be done, not only in destroying men's lives, but saving them.

During the singing of the hymn, "The saints of God, their conflict past," the offertory was taken. This was devoted to the War Memorial Fund and amounted to £46. After the Blessing, the National Anthem was sung, the band accompanying. Mr S. J. Barnicott presided at the organ during the service.

The window, a three light one, contains the figures of St Michael the Archangel and the four Patron Saints of Great Britain and Ireland. In the left hand light, within a shamrock border, stands St Patrick: shields below and above him contain the arms of Ireland and those attributed to himself. In the centre light, grouped together under the tall, winged figure of St. Michael standing on a cloud, are St. Andrew and St. George. Beneath their feet the Royal arms unite the shields of England and Scotland, while the national emblems of both countries form the rose and thistle border. In the right hand, daffodil bordered light, stands St. David, with the arms of Wales below, and his own above him. The inscription, "To the Glory of God and in memory of the above brave men who fell in the Great War 1914-1918". Though they be dead yet they speak," draws attention to the diamond shaped panes, extending through the base of the whole window above it, which contain the names and regimental badges of the 111 parishioners who gave up their lives.

The same diamond shaped panes with different designs in varying shades of orange and yellow painted on them, form the background of the whole window. In tracery, between two angels holding a scroll with the words "Their name liveth for ever more" appears a pelican, the emblem of self-sacrifice.

The names on the window are as follows:-

Officers

2nd Lieut. L. A. E. S. Bilton - Bulls.
 Capt. H. M. Cole – Devons.
 Capt. R. E. Cooke – R.I.F.
 Col. H. Eliot – Liverpools
 Lieut. Eliot – Liverpools

Lieut. G. C. Hatch – R.N.
 Capt. V. M. Hobday – W. Yorks.
 2nd. Lieut. L. Le Brun – R.F.
 Lieut. E. C. Liptrott – 5th Jats

Capt. G. B. Lucas – 38th. C. India Horse
(attd. R. A. F.)
Capt. H. G. M. Miles, M.C. – R.A.M.C.
Lieut. H. A. Massey – R.N.D.

Capt. F. C. H. Piggott – R.A.M.C.
2nd Lieut. R. O. B. Pottinger – R.Mun.F.
Lieut. H. Senior – Worcesters
2nd Lieut. R. C. Tokeley – Essex

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

Pte. E. Andrews – Devons.
Pte. G. H. Attwood – Canadian M.G.C.
Leading Seaman W. Barge – R.N.
Pte. E. J. Bennett – Devons.
2nd Class P.O. John Betsworth – H.M. Boom
Defence
Pte. C. Boughton – 3rd Hussars.
Pte. I. Brewer – Devons.
A.B. F. J. Broom - H.M.S. “Berwick”
Deck Hand W. Bruford – H.M.S. “Lord
Roberts”
Pte. W. J. Berry – Gloucesters.
Lce. Corpl. F. Budge – R.A.S. Corps.
Pte. T. Bush – Devons
Pte. J. H. Cornelius – Devons.
A.B. F. Churchill – R.F. Reserve.
A.B. L. A. Churchill - H.M.S.
“Marlborough”
Pte. R. W. Collins – Canadians.
Pte. P. S. Cornish – R. F.
Pte. G. Cousins – Berkshire.
Pte. G. H. Cousins – Somerset L.I.
Sergt. F. Cross – R.F.
A.B. J. R. Cumming – “Nascupie”
1ST Class P. O. W. J. Davis – H.M.S.
“Albion”
Sergt. W. Denham – Devons.
Trooper H. Denham – 5th Dragoon Guards.
Sapper J. F. Devine – R.E.
P.O. E. J. Dodd – R.N.
Pte. A. J. Dummett – Devons.
Pte. A. C. K. Dyer – Devons.
Pte. S. Earl – South Lancs.
Pte. E. J. Eden – Devons.
Pte. B. J. Edwards – Devons.
Pte. H. Edworthy – Devons.
Pte. J. Evans – R.M.L.I.
Pte. R. S. Fenner – Londons.
Pte. Edwd. H. Ford – Cheshires.
Pte. T. E. Forward – Australians.
Sapper J. J. H. Francis – R.E.
Pte. A. W. Frear – Devons.
Pte. F. Hamlyn – R.I. Rifles.

Pte. H. E. Hamlyn – Somerset L.I.
Pte. H.T. Hamlyn – Devons.
Pte. T. W. Hamlyn – Suffolks.
Pte. R. Hannaford – Canadians.
Pte. G. Heath – Devons.
Pte. C. M. Hewlett – R.A.M.C.
Pte. H. E. Hexter – Somerset L.I.
Pte. R. C. Hore – A.S. Corps.
Gunner W. Horsham – R.F.A.
Pte. H. Huntley – Canadians.
Sergt. W. H. Johns, M.M. – K.R.R.
Pte. E. Johnson – Devons.
Ships Carpenter P. A. Johnson –
“Westmoor”
A.B. B. Kent – H.M.S. “Monmouth”
Lce. Corpl. A. Lake – Worcesters.
Pte. T. Lockyer - Devons
Pte. E. Marles – Canadians.
C.P.O. S. H. Mear – H.M.S. “Arethusa”
1st.Cl. Stoker E. J. Meyer – H.M.S.
“Indefatigable”
1st.Cl. Stoker F. Meyer – H.M.S.
Indefatigable”
Corporal C. H. Millington – A.S.C.
Chief Armr. F. Morrish – H.M.S. “Defence”
Pte. W. D. Nathan – 19th London.
A.B. W. M. Neias, D.S.M. – H.M.S.
“Cumberland”
Gunner C. Nicholson – Tanks.
Gunner H. R. Noquet – R.F.A.
A.B. A. Parker – H.M.S. “Monmouth”
Pte. S. J. Parker – R.A.M.C.
Seaman W. T. Parsons – R.N.
Gunner F. Pike – R.F.A.
Stoker P.O. W. Pope – H.M.S. “Colossus”
Pte. W. A. Prowse – Devons.
Bugler R. J. Quartly – Coldstream Guards.
Pte. E. Radford – R.A.M. Corps.
A.B. S. Rich – H.M.S. “Paragon”
Pte. A. C. Richards – Devons.
Pte. F. G. Roff – Devons.
Driver W. A. Rourke – R.F.A.
Qr. Mr. Farrier A. Russell – 5th Lancers.

Sergt. A. J. Russell – 5th Lancers.
Pte. R. Sackett – R.W.Kents.
Pte. S. E. Sampson – I.R.B.
Corpl. J. Sealey – R.A.M.C.
Pte. A. Sharam – E. Surrey.
Pte. A. H. Shears – Devons.
Pte. W. G. Smith – Devons.
Pte. B. Stentiford – 3rd Hussars.
Pte. J. S. Street – Devons.

C.P.O. J. F. Thomas – R.N. Div.
Act. Corpl. A. R. Tolley – R.F.
Pte. E. E. Tothill – R.A.M.C.
Pte. G. T. Underhill – Middlesex.
Sergt. G. Webber – Devons.
Pte. J. F. Whiteway-Wilkinson –
Australians.
Pte. A. C. West – Worcestershire Yeomanry.
Writer F. G. White – H.M.S. “Revenge”.

In the evening, the Venerable Archdeacon of Exeter preached

The work of compiling the list, which was no easy task, was undertaken by
Mr. A. Malone, who also acted as Hon. Sec. of the Fund.

THE FALLEN (1914-1918)

E. ANDREWS	Private Elisha Andrews of the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Elisha and Eliza Ann Andrews of Teignmouth and husband of Beatrice Florence Andrews (née Milton) of 10, Boscawen Place, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1885. Died 4 October 1917 aged 32.
G. H. ATTWOOD	Private George Henry Attwood of the 3rd Battalion, the Canadian Pioneers. Presumed to be the son of George and Elizabeth Attwood of Shaldon. Born in 1879 in Shaldon. Died 23 May 1915 aged 35. He was a Canadian citizen.
W. BARGE	Leading Seaman William Barge of the Royal Navy. Son of Robert and Susan Barge. He was born 13 March 1889 in West Teignmouth and died 6th Jul 1918 on board Submarine C25.
E. J. BENNETT	<p><i>From The Western Times</i></p> <p><i>Saturday 12 May 1917</i></p> <p><i>"Private E. J. Bennett of the Devons, who, it is officially reported, died of wounds, was the landlord of the White Hart Hotel, Higher Brook Street, Teignmouth, and formerly licensee of the Dawlish Inn. The deceased had served 18 years in the Army and was called up under the Derby system. He served in India and through the South African War for which he possessed two medals and four bars. He leaves a widow but no family. Private Bennett formerly resided at Exeter, his relatives having kept the Exonia Inn there."</i></p> <p>Private Edward John Bennett of the 9th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of John and Fanny Bennett of Exeter and husband of Lucy Ann Bennett later of 13 Model Cottages, Teignmouth. Born in Exeter in the March Quarter of 1879. Died 6 April 1917 aged 38.</p>
W. J. BERRY	William John Berry Son of John and Sarah Jane Berry of Daimonds Lane, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1889. His military record is not yet confirmed but it is believed that he served with the Gloucestershire Regiment and died on 17 April 1916.
J. H. BETSWORTH	Petty Officer 2nd Class John Henry Betsworth of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Victory</i> . Son of John Gilbert Betsworth of 2 Stanley Street, Teignmouth. Born in Portsmouth in the March Quarter of 1871. Died 26 March 1915 aged 44.
L. A. E. S. BILTON	Second Lieutenant Lewis Albert E. S. Bilton of the 1st Battalion, the Buffs (The East Kent Regiment). Son of George and Annie Bilton of Forest Gate, London. Born in Cardiff in the June Quarter of 1895. Died 23 April 1917 aged 22.
C. BOUGHTON	Private C. Boughton of the 3rd Hussars. Not yet confirmed but possibly connected to Charles E.

	Boughton, for many years the Congregational Minister at Shaldon.
L. BREWER	Private Leonard Lewis Brewer of 1/5 Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Lilian Northcott (formerly Brewer) of 7 Bitton Crescent, Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1900 in Teignmouth. Died 30 August 1918 aged 18.
F. J. BROOM	Able Seaman Frederick John Broom of the Royal Navy, HMS Berwick. Born in the June Quarter of 1878 in Teignmouth. Died 18 October 1914 aged 36.
W. BRUFORD	Deck Hand William Bruford of the Royal Naval Reserve, <i>H.M. Trawler Lord Roberts</i> . Son of Henry and Jane Bruford of Watchet and husband of Mary Elizabeth (née Pile) of 5 Brookdale Terrace, Teignmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1878 in Watchet. Died 26 October 1916 aged 38.
F. BUDGE	Lance Corporal Frederick W. Budge of 64 Division, M.T. Coy., Royal Army Service Corps. Son of William and Margery Budge of Plymouth and Husband of Alice Leah Budge of Elm Cottage, Coombe Vale, Teignmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1886 in Plymouth. Died 2 August 1919 aged 33.
T. A. BUSH	Private Thomas Alfred Bush of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Died 13 August 1918. It is believed that he was born in Salisbury but his connection with Teignmouth is not known.
F. J. CHURCHILL	Leading Stoker Frank John Churchill of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Vivid</i> . Son of Samuel (the local postman) and Mary Churchill of Teignmouth and brother of Leonard (see below). Born in the March Quarter of 1877. Died 14 May 1917 aged 40. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
L. A. CHURCHILL	Petty Officer Leonard Arthur Churchill of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Marlborough</i> , then transferred to <i>HMS Vivid</i> . Son of Samuel (the local postman) and Mary Churchill of Teignmouth and brother of Frank (see above). Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1878. Died 14 April 1915 aged 35. Buried in Kingskerswell Churchyard.
H. M. COLE	Major Henry Munroe Cole of the 4th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Ralph Henry and Margaret Cole of Fell Court, Torquay and husband of Emily Dorothea of The Cedars, Sidmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1877 in Newton Abbot. Died 4 December 1918 aged 41.
R. W. COLLINS	Private Robert William Collins of the Saskatchewan Regiment, the Canadian Infantry. Son of Daniel and Ellen Collins of West Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1890 in Teignmouth. Died 12 April 1917 aged 27. He was a Canadian citizen.
R. E. COOKE	Richard Ernest Cooke. Son of Richard and Sarah Cooke who retired to live in Teignmouth. Believed to have been born in

	Yorkshire in 1881 and to have been Captain R. E. Cooke of the Royal Irish Fusiliers.
J. H. CORNELIUS	Private James Henry Cornelius ("Harry") of 2/5 Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of William and Mary Jane Cornelius of Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1880. Died 24 March 1915 aged 35. Name appears twice in window but only one record found. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
P. S. CORNISH	Private Percy Sampson Cornish of the 9th Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers. Son of Robert Sampson and Emma Ann Cornish of 2 Grosvenor Terrace, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1896. Died 7 October 1916 aged 19.
G.T. COUSINS	Private George Thomas Cousins of the 8th Battalion, the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Son of (the late) Thomas and Maud Cousins of 10 Mulberry Street, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1898. Died 5 December 1918 aged 20.
G. H. COUSINS	Private George Henry Cousins of the 1st Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry. Son of Thomas and Maria Cousins, of 25, Bickford Lane, Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1898 in Teignmouth. Died 30 August 1918 aged 20.
F. CROSS	<i>From The Western Times</i> <i>Saturday 12 May 1917</i> <i>"Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cross of Chorista, Bitton Street, Teignmouth, received official news that their son, Sergeant Fred Cross of the Sportsman's Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers, was killed in action on 31st July 1916. Sergeant Cross, who was well known locally for his bright and genial disposition, was reported missing some months since, but hopes were entertained that he might have been taken prisoner. The Army Council sent an expression of sympathy to the bereaved family."</i> Frederick Daniel Cross was born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1888; he died at the age of 28.
J. R. CUMMING	Able Seaman John Richard Cumming of the Royal Naval Reserve, <i>SS Nascupie</i> . Son of John R. and Annette Cumming of 4 Parson Street, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1883. Died 16 November 1916 aged 33.
W.J. DAVIS	1st Class Petty Officer Walter James Davis of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Vivid</i> . Son of Edward and Eliza Davis of Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1872. Died 15 July 1916 aged 44. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
H. DENHAM	Trooper Harold Denham of the 5th Dragoon Guards. Son of

	Francis and Elizabeth Denham and brother of Wilfred (see below). Born in Payhembury in the September Quarter of 1887. Died 28 October 1918 aged 31. Not on sea front memorial
W. DENHAM	Sergeant Wilfred Henry Denham of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Francis and Elizabeth Denham and brother of Harold (see above). Born in Exeter in the June Quarter of 1888. Died 10 March 1915 aged 26.
J. F. DEVINE	Sapper James Francis Devine of the Inland Water Transport section of the Royal Engineers. Born in Youghill, Co. Cork. Husband of A. A. Devine, of 25, Coombe Rd., Teignmouth. Died 30 October 1918 aged 29.
E. J. DODD	Petty Officer Edward J. Dodd of the Royal Navy. Son of William and Mary Dodd, of Teignmouth; husband of Kate Elizabeth Dodd, of 12, Willow St., Teignmouth. Died 5 Nov 1919 aged 26. Additional information supplied by Barrie K Downer - Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy (Retired): <i>"Petty Officer Edward Dodd O/N J3662 - born Teignmouth 4th Sep 1891 - son of William and Mary Dodd. Served in Submarine K11. Died from influenza on 5th Nov 1919 - buried in Teignmouth Cemetery in Grave EE47. "</i> Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
J. A. DOMMETT	Private Albert John Dommett of the 8th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of James and Anna Dommett. Born in Woolbrook, Sidmouth in the March Quarter of 1889. Died 2 October 1917 aged 28.
A. C. K. DYER	Private Albert Charles Kent Dyer of the 8th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Born in Plymouth in the September Quarter of 1898. Died 9 May 1917 aged 19.
S. EARL	Private Samuel Earl (or sometimes EARLE) of the 8th Battalion, the South Lancashire Regiment. Son of Samuel and Alice Maud Earl of Headington, Oxford. (There were possible family connections with Shaldon.) Died 18 January 1916 aged 26.
E. J. EDEN	This man is believed to be Private Ernest John Hurlestone Eden of the 15th Battalion, the Warwickshire Regiment. Son of James Hurlestone Eden and Mary Eden. Born in Ashprington in 1890. Died 3 September 1916 aged 26. (The Memorial Window in St. James's Church lists "E. J. Eden". The Seafront Memorial lists "E. G. Eden" but no one of this name has yet been found.)
B. J. EDWARDS	Private Britton John Edwards of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of William and Mary Ann Edwards of Dalwood. Born in Dalwood, nr. Axminster in the March Quarter

	of 1883. Died 27 May 1918 aged 31.
H. EDWORTHY	Private H. Edworthy of the Devonshire Regiment.
H. ELLIOT	Major Hugh Elliot of The King's Liverpool Regiment. Son of Frederick Eden Elliot (I.C.S.) and Marcia Cordelia Ouseley, his wife; husband of Alicia Lucy Elliot (née Robinson), of "The Howse," Ashburton, Devon and father of Hugh Elliot (see below). Born at Gorakhpur, India. Died 26 July 1915 aged 51.
H. ELLIOT	<p>Lieutenant Hugh Elliot of the The King's Liverpool Regiment. Son of Major Hugh Elliot (The King's Liverpool Regt.) and Alicia Lucy Robinson, of "The Howse," Ashburton, Devon. Born at Colchester Died 21 June 1916 aged 20.</p> <p><i>From The Teignmouth Post Friday 30 June 1916</i></p> <p><i>"Lieutenant Hugh Elliot, of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment died on June 21st. He was the third son of the late Major Hugh Elliot, the King's, and Mrs. Elliot of Grosvenor Terrace, Teignmouth. He was born in May 1896 and was educated at Hillsborough School, Teignmouth and at Christ's Hospital, Horsham. He entered Sandhurst as a prize cadet in September 1913 and passed out in July 1914, being gazetted to his father's old regiment in August. He was promoted in January 1915. He served with the Manchester regiment in Flanders from October 1914 until January 1915, when he was invalided home. He rejoined his own regiment in February 1915, and was in temporary command of his company at the battle of Neuve Chapelle. Afterwards his battalion was moved to another theatre of war. Lieutenant Elliot's father was killed in action last year."</i></p>
J. EVANS	Private James George Evans of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. Son of Frederick and Charlotte Evans of Teignmouth. Born in the June Quarter of 1885. Died 28 October 1917 aged 32.
R. S. FENNER	Rifleman Reginald Samuel Fenner of the 1/5th Battalion, the King's Liverpool Regiment. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1894. Died 16 May 1915 aged 21.
E. H. FORD	Private Edwin Henry Ford of the 7th Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment. Husband of K. E. Ford, of 16, Higher Brook St., Teignmouth. Died 21 May 1919.
	Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
T. E. FORWARD	Private Thomas Edwin Forward of the 1st Battalion, the Australian Infantry. (Served under the name of ROWDEN). Son of Thomas and Anna Forward. Born at Efford, nr. Shobrook in the March Quarter of 1884. Died 2 May 1915 aged 29
J. J. H. FRANCIS	Sapper John James H. Francis of the 332nd Road Construction Coy., the Royal Engineers. Son of Maria and John Francis. Born in the September Quarter of 1880 in Dawlish. Died 23 October 1917 aged 37. Formerly a GWR employee based in Teignmouth
A. W. FREER	Private Arthur William Freer of the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Elizabeth and the late William Freer. Born in the March Quarter

	of 1886 in Paignton. The date of his death is not yet confirmed
F. HAMLYN	Rifleman Frank Hamlyn of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Irish Rifles. Son of Harry and Harriet Hamlyn, of Teignmouth and husband of Ellen Hamlyn, of 3, Hayes Terrace, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot. Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1885. Died 14 October 1918 aged 33.
H. E. HAMLYN	Lance Corporal Holroyd Edward Hamlyn of the 7th Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry. Son of Thomas and Emma Hamlyn of Teignmouth and brother of Henry and Thomas (see below). Born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1895. Died 16 September 1917 aged 22.
H. T. HAMLYN	Private Henry Thomas Hamlyn of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Thomas and Emma Hamlyn of Teignmouth and brother of Holroyd (see above) and Thomas (see below). Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1893 Died 1 July 1916 aged 23.
T. W. HAMLYN	Private Thomas William Hamlyn of the 12th Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment. Son of Thomas and Emma Hamlyn of Teignmouth and brother of Holroyd and Henry (see above). Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1899. Died 9 April 1918 aged 18.
R. HANNAFORD	Private Richard Hannaford of the 8th Battalion, the Canadian Infantry (the Manitoba Regiment). Son of Samuel and Mary Hannaford and husband of Florence Herridge (formerly Hannaford) of Islay, Alberta, Canada. Born in Ideford in the June Quarter of 1880. Died 26 September 1916 aged 36. He was a Canadian citizen
G. C. HATCH	Lieutenant George Cliffe Hatch of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Vehement</i> . Died 2 August 1918 aged 24
G. HEATH	George Heath was the son of John and Mary Ann Heath of Teignmouth. He was born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1883. He is believed to have been in the Devonshire Regiment but this is not yet confirmed
C. M. HEWLETT	Private Charles Montague Hewlett of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Believed to have been born in London in the June Quarter of 1888. Died 26 March 1918. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
H.E. HEXTER	Private Henry Hexter of the 7th Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry. Son of George William and Sarah Hexter of 2 Grove Terrace, Teignmouth and husband of Bertha E. Hexter of 2 New Quay, Strand, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in 1880. Died 7 August 1917 aged 37. (He was a mason by trade and left a widow and four children.) (At the memorial dedication ceremony in 1921, the Teignmouth Operative Masons laid a wreath in memory of Private Hexter who was one of their members.)
V. M. HOBDAY	Captain V. M. Hobday of the 11th Battalion, the West Yorkshire Regiment. Son of Col. E. A. P. Hobday C.M.G (Royal Artillery)

	and Mrs. N. Hobday (née Pottinger). Died 7 June 1917 aged 23.
R. C. HORE	Private Reginald Claud Hore of "A" Supply Coy., the Army Service Corps. Son of William and Susan Louisa Hore of Teignmouth and husband of Maud Evelyn of Broadmeadow, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in 1884. Died 11 February 1915 aged 32. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery
W. HORSAM	Private William Frederick Horsam* of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of William F. and Emily Horsham, of Teignmouth and husband of Elizabeth Ellen Horsam, of 22, Willow St., Teignmouth'. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1871. Died 18 December 1914 aged 42. *(The spelling of the name seems to have changed to HORSAM after the death of William's father. It is spelt as seen here on the sea front memorial; on the window memorial in St. James's church it is spelt HORSHAM)
H. J. HUNTLEY*	(Appears as "A. J. Huntley" on the sea front memorial. He was known as "Bert" which came from "Herbert" not "Albert.") Private Herbert John Huntley ("Bert") of the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Son of John and Mary Huntley who kept the Beehive Inn in Bitton Street until John's death in 1907. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1888. Died 14 March 1916 aged 28
W.H. JOHNS	Sergeant William Henry Johns of the 8th Battalion, the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Son of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth Johns of 4 Exeter Road, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1896. Died 15 October 1917 aged 21. Awarded the Military Medal.
E. JOHNSON	Private Edwin Johnson of the 10th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Died 25 April 1917. No further details have been confirmed.
P. A. JOHNSON	Ship's Carpenter Peter Albert Johnson of the Mercantile Marine, <i>SS Westmoor (London)</i> . Son of the late Charles Johnson and husband of Emily of 28 2nd Avenue, Teignmouth. Born in Newfoundland. Died 1 July 1918 aged 37.
B. KENT	Ordinary Seaman Bob Kent of the Royal Navy, HMS Monmouth. Son of Charles Edward Kent of 11 Saxe Street, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1896. Died 1 November 1914 aged 18. Came into the Navy as a Boy entrant.
A. LAKE	Lance Corporal a Lake of the 1st Battalion, the Worcestershire Regiment. Son of Mrs. C. Lake of 20 Exeter Road, Teignmouth. Died 28 March 1918.
L. LE BRUN	Second Lieutenant Lewis Appleby of the 3rd Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment. Son of Lewis Le Brun R.N (retd) and Isabella Mary Le Brun. Born in the December Quarter of 1896 in Dorset. Died 31 October 1918 aged 22. Awarded the Croix de Guerre (Belgium), and Chevalier of the Order of the Crown (Belgium).

E. C. LIPTROTT	Lieutenant Eric Carr Liptrott of the 6th Jat Light Infantry. Son of the Rev. Boulton Brenden Liptrott and Louisa Constance Liptrott of the Vicarage, West Teignmouth. Born in India. Died 26 November 1914 aged 27. Served in the Mohmand Expedition of 1908.
T. LOCKYER	Private Tom Lockyer of the 9th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Edmond and Ellen Lockyer, of Withycombe Raleigh. Born in the December of 1884 in Exmouth. Died 20 July 1916 aged 32. (Although he was not born in Teignmouth, it seems that he may have been working in the town at the time he enlisted.) Buried in the Churchyard of St. John in the Wilderness in Withycombe.
G. B. LUCAS	Captain Gerald Blunt Lucas of the 38th King George's Own Central India Horse Regiment and the Royal Flying Corps. Son of Lt. Col. Charles Arthur de Neufville Lucas (Indian Cavalry) and his wife Maud of Oakley, Teignmouth. Died 16 May 1916 aged 25. Indian Nationality. Awarded the Durbar Medal.
H. A. MASSEY	Sub-Lieutenant H. A. Massey of Howe Battalion, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Died 26 August 1915.
S. H. MEAR	Chief Petty Officer Samuel Howard Mear of the Royal Navy, HMS Arethusa. Son of William and Harriett Mear, of Teignmouth, Devon; husband of Lavinia Feen (formerly Mear), of 16, Devonshire Place, Teignmouth. Died 16 July 1918 aged 41. Awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.
F. MEYERS	Stoker 1st Class Frederick Meyers of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Indefatigable</i> . Son of Grace Meyers of 39 Willow Street, Teignmouth and brother of Edward (see below). Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1893. Died 31 May 1916 aged 23.
E. J. MEYERS	Stoker 1st Class Edward John Meyer of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Indefatigable</i> . Son of Grace Meyers of 39 Willow Street, Teignmouth and brother of Frederick (see above). Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1898. Died 31 May 1916 aged 18.
H. G. M. MILES	Second Lieutenant Harold Gordon Miles of the 10th Battalion, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Son of William and Emily Miles. Born in the March Quarter of 1892 in Bradford, Yorkshire. Died 4 August 1916 aged 24
C. H. MILLINGTON	Corporal Charles Henry Millington of 26th Div. Train, the Army Service Corps. Son of Charles Henry and Mary Anna Millington of 9 Stanley Street, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the September Quarter of 1890. Died 14 September 1916 aged 26
F. MORRISH	Chief Armourer Frank Morrish, the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Defiance</i> . Son of the late William Morrish and Ann Morrish of Dawlish and husband of Louisa Morrish of 11 Commercial Road, Teignmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1873. Died 31 May 1916 aged 43. Awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

W. D. NATHAN	Private William Driver Nathan of the 1st/19th Battalion, the London Regiment. Son of John and Annie Nathan of West Teignmouth. Born in the June Quarter of 1893 in Teignmouth. Died 2 October 1916 aged 23.
W. M. NEIASS	Able Seaman William Marshall Neiasm of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Cumberland</i> . Son of Edwin and Ellen Neiasm of Teignmouth and brother of Harry (see above). Died 29 September 1918. Died 29 September 1918. Awarded the DSM. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
C. NICHOLSON	Believed to be Gunner Cyril Nicholson. The listing in St James' Church suggests that he was with a Tank Corp but his military record is not yet confirmed, Cyril Nicholson was the son of Maud and Francis Nicholson of Teignmouth
H. R. NOQUET	Gunner Henry Richard Noquet of 113th Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Son of William Henry and Emma. J. Noquet formerly of Daimonds Lane, Teignmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1886 in Teignmouth. Died 16 May 1915 aged 28.
A. PARKER	Able Seaman Alfred Parker of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Monmouth</i> . Son of William and Emma Parker of 1, Gordon Cottage, Teignmouth. Died 1 November 1914 aged 30.
S. J. PARKER	Private Samuel John Parker of the 2nd/1st Wessex Field Ambulance, the Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of George and Emily Parker of East Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1897. Died 14 August 1916 aged 19. <i>From The Teignmouth Post Friday 25 August, 1916</i> <i>Private Samuel Parker was killed in the same incident which killed Private William Coombes, and this morning his father has received a letter of condolence and sympathy from the officer commanding. Private Parker who was 19, joined the Royal Army medical Corps soon after the outbreak of war. Private Parker was employed at Messrs G. Young and Sons."</i>
W. T. PARSONS	William Thomas Parsons. Born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1884. Son of Thomas and Jane Parsons of Teignmouth. His military record is not yet confirmed although the St. James' memorial describes him as a Seaman in the Royal Navy.
F. C. H. PIGGOTT	Captain Frederick Cecil Holman Piggott of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Husband of Ada M Piggott of "Teign Royd", Teignmouth. Died 26 June 1917 aged 57. M.A (Cantab)
F. PIKE	Gunner Frederick John Pike of "D" Battery, the 277th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. Son of Samuel and Eliza Pike and husband of Beatrice Pike, of 16, Alexandria Terrace, Teignmouth. Died 28 May 1918 aged 39
W. POPE	Petty Officer Stoker William Pope of the Royal Navy, HMS Colossus. Husband of Ellen Pope of 3 Third Avenue, Bitton,

	Teignmouth. Died 27 March 1917 aged 32.
R. O. POTTINGER	Lieutenant R. O. B. Pottinger of the 2nd battalion, the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died 9 May 1915.
W. A. PROWSE	Private William Prowse of the 2nd Garrison Battalion, the Northumberland Fusiliers. Son of Fanny Tozer (formerly Prowse) of 67 Bitton Street, Teignmouth and the late William Alfred Thomas Prowse. Died 14 July 1917 aged 36. This man died of heat stroke in Mesopotamia. He served throughout the 2nd Boer War. Awarded the Victoria Medal and the Edward Medal.
R. J. QUARTLY (Spelt "Quartley" on Sea front)	Drummer Reginald James Quartly of the 5th Reserve Battalion, the Grenadier Guards. Born in the March Quarter of 1895 in Teignmouth. Died 19 January 1915 aged 20.
E. RADFORD	No information available
S. RICH	Able seaman Sydney Rich of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Paragon</i> . Son of the late John and Elizabeth Rich of Teignmouth. Died 17 March 1917 aged 21.
A. C. RICHARDS	Private Alfred Charles Richards of the 8th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of the late Mr and Mrs Richards and husband of Dorothy Rose, née Parker, of 10 Commercial Road, Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1894 in Teignmouth. Died 25 September 1915 aged 21.
F. G. ROFF	Private Frederick George Roff of the 9th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of George William and Jessie Maria Roff of 2 Coombe Road, Teignmouth. Died 6 September 1916 aged 18.
W. A. ROURKE	Driver William Alfred Rourke of 1107 Battery, the Royal Field Artillery. Son of Andrew J and Emma E Rourke of 20 Devonshire Place, Teignmouth. Died 3 November 1918 aged 21.
A. RUSSELL (sic)	<i>A. RUSSELL - This man's name is correct on the memorial at St. James.</i> Quartermaster Sergeant Farrier Albert Russell of the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers. Died 14 February 1915. Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery.
A.J. RUSSELL (sic)	<i>A.J. RUSSELL. This man's name is correct on the memorial at St. James.</i> Sergeant Albert John Russell of the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers. Died 30 October 1914 aged 30.
R. SACKETT	Private Richard Sackett of the 1st Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Son of Alfred and Eliza Sackett, of 33, Teign St., Teignmouth; husband of Alice Lawrence (formerly Sackett, née Rendle), of 4, New St., Exmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the December Quarter of 1889. Died 4 October 1917 aged 27.
J. SEALEY	Corporal John William D. Sealey of the 2nd/1st Wessex Field Ambulance, the Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of John and Bessie Sealey of Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the June

	Quarter of 1895. Died 3 August 1917 aged 22
H. SENIOR	On the Sea front Memorial only. Lieutenant H. Senior of the Worcestershire Regiment.
A. SHARAM	Private Arthur John G. Sharam of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment. Son of Thomas and Emma Sharam. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1883. Died 25 September 1916 aged 33
A. H. SHEARS	Private Albert Henry Shears of the 16th (Royal Devon and Royal North Devon Yeomanry) Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of Alfred and Thomasina Shears of Shaldon. Born in Shaldon in the September Quarter of 1898. Died 2 September 1918 aged 20
W. G SMITH	Believed to be Private William George Smith of the 8th Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Died 25 September 1915 aged 21. His connection with Teignmouth is not yet known but he enlisted in Exeter.
B. STENTIFORD	Believed to be Private Bertie Leonard Stentiford of the 9th Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers. Son of William and Emma Stentiford of Exeter. Born in Exeter in the June Quarter of 1896. Died 7 July 1916 aged 20. His connection with Teignmouth is not yet confirmed.
J. S. STREET	Rifleman Jack Selby Street of the 3rd Battalion, the New Zealand Rifle Brigade. Son of Walter and Alice Street, of Rakaia, Canterbury, New Zealand. Born in Teignmouth in the March Quarter of 1892. Died 7 June 1917 aged 21.
J. F. THOMAS	Chief Petty Officer John Frederick Thomas of Nelson Battalion, the Royal Navy Division. Husband of Rosalin Thomas of Shaldon. Born in the March Quarter of 1872 in Brighton, Sussex. Died at Gallipoli 13 July 1915 aged 43
R. C. TOKELY	Second Lieutenant Reginald Cyrus Tokely of the 2nd Battalion, the Essex Regiment. Son of Cyrus Legg Tokely and Ellen Frances Tokely (née Haswell), of Sunnylands, Teignmouth. Born in Bromley, Kent in the September Quarter of 1896. Died 23 December 1916 aged 20.
A. R. TOLLEY	Private Arthur Roland Tolley of the Royal Fusiliers later posted to the 2nd Battalion of the London Regiment. Son of George and Annie Tolley of Coleford, nr. Crediton. Born in Coleford in the September Quarter of 1877. Died 21 March 1918 aged 41.
E. E. TOTHILL	Private Ernest Ellis Tothill of the 24th Field Ambulance, the Royal Army Medical Corps. Son of Joseph T. J. and Frances Mary Tothill, of Bitton St. Post Office, Teignmouth. Born in Teignmouth in the June Quarter of 1889. Died 15 August 1917 aged 27.
G. T. UNDERHILL	No information available
G. WEBBER	Sergeant George Webber of the 2nd Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment. Son of William and Eliza Webber of Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1885 in Teignmouth. Died 17 June 1916 aged 31.
A. C. WEST	Private Alfred Charles West of the 2nd Troop, the Queen's Own

	<p>Worcestershire Yeomanry. Son of Charles and Emily West, of Fremington, Devon; husband of Augusta Maud Mary West, of 2, Devonshire Place, Teignmouth. Born in the September Quarter of 1883 in Fremington. Died 29 March 1916 aged 27.</p> <p>More information on Alfred West's family may be found at http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Fremington/TheWestfamilyin1915.htm</p>
F. G. WHITE	<p>Writer 3rd Class Frederick George White of the Royal Navy, <i>HMS Revenge</i>. Son of Frederick and Wilmot White, of 59, Bitton St., Teignmouth. Born in the March Quarter of 1899 in Teignmouth. Died 28 March 1919 aged 20.</p> <p>Buried in Teignmouth Cemetery</p>
J. F. WHITEWAY - WILKINSON	<p>Private John Frederick Whiteway-Wilkinson of the 24th Battalion, the Australian Infantry. Son of Dr. William Henry Whiteway-Wilkinson, F.R.C.S. (Edin.), and Charlotte Elizabeth Whiteway-Wilkinson, of Teignmouth. Born in London. Died 29 July 1916 aged 32. He was an Australian citizen.</p>

Some Individual Accounts

William Barge of Teignmouth (O/N J124(Dev))

This account of the life and death of William Barge was compiled by Barrie K Downer - Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy (Retired). It draws on information available in the Commonwealth War Graves Records, Casualty Lists provided by the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Royal Navy Seaman's Records in the National Archives and information provided by Muriel Brine. We recommend a visit to the award-winning website of the Barrow in Furness branch of the Submariners Association at www.submariners.co.uk.

Leading Seaman (Seaman Gunner) William Barge was born in West Teignmouth in Devon on 20th Aug 1891. He joined the Royal Navy as a Boy 2nd Class at HMS IMPREGNABLE on 6th Jan 1908. After being rated Boy 1st Class on 11th Sep 1908 he was drafted to the 12,000 ton Cruiser HMS SUTLEJ (Captain Evelyn R Le Marchant, Royal Navy) of the 4th Cruiser Squadron on 23rd Sep 1908.

On 29th Jan 1909 he was drafted to HMS VIVID (the Royal Naval Barracks) at Devonport 'awaiting draft' and was then drafted back to sea to the Devonport based 5,600 ton Light Cruiser HMS DORIS (Captain Spencer A Hickley, Royal Navy) on 11th Feb 1909 before being drafted to the 5,600 ton Cruiser HMS TALBOT (Captain B M Chambers, Royal Navy) on 4th May 1909.

William Barge was rated Ordinary Seaman on 20th Aug 1909. He left HMS TALBOT on 13th Oct 1910 and his next draft is not yet established but he was rated Able Seaman on 14th Oct 1910. He returned the HMS VIVID on 16th Dec 1910. He qualified Seaman Gunner on 16th Aug 1911 and was drafted back to sea on 22nd Jan 1912 when he joined the 9,000 ton Cruiser HMS BLAKE (Destroyer Depot Ship) for the 747 ton Torpedo Boat Destroyer HMS CAMELEON (Commander Hugh J Tweedie, Royal Navy). Advancement to Leading Seaman followed on 1st Nov 1914.

William Barge joined Submarines on 1st May 1915 with a draft to HMS DOLPHIN at Gosport 'for Submarine Training'. He was then drafted to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE (8th Submarine Flotilla) at Harwich 'for Submarines' on 18th May 1915. For some reason he was disrated to Able Seaman on 9th Nov 1915 but was re-advanced to Leading Seaman on 16th Jul 1916.

He was drafted to HMS MAIDSTONE 'for Submarine C25' on 1st Apr 1918. Submarine C25 (Lieutenant David Courtenay Bell) was nearly lost on 6th Jul 1918. The Submarine was on the surface at about noon when the Commanding Officer called the Second Captain (Sub Lieutenant Ronald M Cobb) to come to the bridge to look at a flight of five sea-planes. As the Sub Lieutenant was on his way up the order was given to dive so he flooded all main ballast and went full ahead on the main motors. Bombs were dropped and several small holes appeared in the pressure hull and water started to come in. An order was given to surface and the ballast tanks were blown. At that point the boat had not actually started to dive from the earlier order. Sub Lieutenant Cobb then ordered 'Surface Action Stations'. Small bombs and bullets were still being fired at Submarine C25 and, as a result, the Coxswain (Petty Officer William Borrow) was badly wounded and Able Seaman Sidney Hamilton was killed in the Conning Tower.

The Sub Lieutenant went up the Conning Tower and found the Commanding Officer, Leading Seaman Barge, Signalman Arthur Buttle and the Lewis Gunner – Able Seaman John Walsh all killed. The Lewis gun was missing although three drums of Lewis gun ammunition had been fired. As the firing from the sea-planes was still going on the Sub Lieutenant came back below for about 15 minutes and started to repair damage. He then went back on the bridge with two Engine Room Artificers but had to come below again as a further attack was starting. This attack continued for another 5 minutes and then, having waited a further 10 minutes he returned to the bridge.

Cobb was in an unenviable position. Although the Engine Room Artificer got the Diesels running the steering gear was jammed both from the Control Room and the Bridge steering positions. Both compasses were out of order and there was no sun to steer by and no land in sight. The radio was not working, the Aldis Lamp was broken and the grenade rifle was damaged. Luckily at about 12.45 p.m. he sighted and identified himself to Submarine E51 (Lieutenant Commander Hugh R Marrack) by firing Very lights. The wounded Coxswain was transferred to Submarine E51, the Commanding Officer of Submarine E51 came on board to examine the damage, signals were made to the Depot Ship and a tow was established.

Despite the efforts to get the Coxswain to proper medical attention he later died of his wounds. Further attacks by the sea-planes were made between 3.18 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. during which time Cobb and his crew remained below decks. Eventually the Destroyer HMS LURCHER arrived to take over the tow and take Submarine C25 back to harbour.

William Barge was the son of Robert and Susan Barge (nee Harper) of West Teignmouth in Devon and the brother of Walter Barge who also served in the Royal Navy. He is buried in the Shotley (St Mary) Churchyard in Suffolk in the Submarine Enclosure.

The Hamlyn Family

TEIGNMOUTH POST

TEIGNMOUTH FAMILY'S TREBLE LOSS

Mr and Mrs T. Hamlyn, of Bitton Hill, received intimation last week that their third son, Pte. T. W. Hamlyn, 12th Suffolk Regiment, who had been missing since April last, must be considered dead. The deceased joined the army on attaining his eighteenth birthday. When the Germans commenced their offensive he was sent to France and his parents have heard nothing from him since. He was reported as missing in April and it was thought he might have been taken prisoner. His mother and father buoyed up their hopes in this, but with almost all the prisoners of war repatriated and the receipt of the news that he must have died on or about the date he was missed, it leaves very little doubt that he has made the great sacrifice. This is the third son Mr and Mrs Hamlyn have lost in the war, and is, we believe the only family in the town who have suffered such severe bereavement. Naturally the most profound sympathy is extended to them in the loss of their three eldest sons, more especially so as all the family of nine are just recovering from the effects of influenza. The letter containing the sad intelligence is as follows:-

"Sir,

It is my painful duty to inform you that no further news having been received relative to No 42578 Private Thomas William Hamlyn, 12th Suffolk Regiment, who has been missing since 9/4/18, the Army Council have been regretfully constrained to conclude that he is dead, and his death took place on the 9/4/18 (or since). By His Majesty's command I am to forward the enclosed message of sympathy from Their Gracious Majesties the King and Queen. I am at the same time to express the regret of the Army Council at the soldier's death in his country's service.

I am sir, Your obedient servant, H. W. MCKENZIE, Lt., (for officer I/C. Infantry Records No 1 (Suffolk Section), Warley.

Their Majesties the King and Queen's message of sympathy reads thus-

The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow. He whose loss you mourn died in the noblest of causes. His country will be ever grateful to him for the sacrifice he has made for Freedom and Justice.

Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War."

During the past twelve months, Mr Hamlyn has also had a brother killed in action after being wounded seven times.

The West Family in 1915

On Friday 3 December 1915, the Western Times published a brief piece under the heading "Five Fremington brothers in the Army".

The five brothers were the sons of Charles and Emily West who were living on Fremington Hill at the time. Following in his father's footsteps, Charles was a stone mason. At one time, his mother (Elizabeth) had been the village schoolmistress and most of the family of Charles and Emily were named after their uncles and aunts - her children. It was a large family and at least two sisters and another brother have so far been traced. That 6th and youngest brother is mentioned briefly in the paper; he was Eli George West who, in 1915, was already a member of the Volunteer Training Corps at the age of 14.

The newspaper reproduction of the photographs of the serving brothers suffer badly from the technological limitations of the time and the poor quality of the paper they were originally printed on.



Private Alfred Charles West of the 2nd Troop, Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (a Yeomanry regiment) was the eldest of the brothers. He was born in 1889 in Shaftsbury, Dorset, which was also the birthplace of his mother. He married Augusta Maud Mary Richards who came from the village of Sowton, just outside Exeter. They lived in Teignmouth. Alfred died of wounds 29 March 1916 in the UK aged 27. He is buried in Manchester's Southern Cemetery.



Private John West of the Royal North Devon Hussars was born in Fremington in the December Quarter of 1891.

He married May England in 1914. It would appear that he survived the war.



Private William Charles West of the 7th Wiltshire Regiment was born in Fremington in the September Quarter of 1893.

The Regimental Diary for 3 December 1915 (the publication date of the article quoted) states that on this day the regiment was in Greece:

"Remained in camp in Salonika; weather frosty. Strength 29 officers, 900 other ranks. 29 detached."

In 1917, Salonika was to become the scene of one of the Regiment's bloodiest battle but it would appear that William survived the war.



Private Frederick West of the Royal North Devon Hussars was born in the March Quarter of 1895. He too, seems to have survived the war.



Private Archibald Eli West ("Archie") of the 4th Dorset Regiment was born in the September Quarter of 1896. He also seems to have survived the war.

With thanks to <http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Fremington/TheWestfamilyin1915.htm>

Charles Young

TEIGNMOUTH POST

31 March 1916:

"Mr. Charles Young, of the Bee Hive Inn, Teignmouth, on Tuesday received intimation from the War Office that his nephew, Private H. Huntley, of one of the Canadian Regiments, had been killed in action.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Huntley of Bitton Street. "Bert" as he was familiarly called, was well-known in Teignmouth, and was here on leave just before Christmas. He emigrated to Canada about eighteen months since with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alex King. For some time he was engaged in farming with his relatives, and afterwards as a lumberman. During one of the recruiting marches in Halifax, where he was in the Police Force, he presented himself for enlistment and was accepted.

He was a fine-built young man of 27 years of age. Private Huntley is the first of the 39 members of the Teignmouth Swimming Club, who are on active service, to be killed. For several seasons he acted as goal-keeper of the water polo team, and played some brilliant games. He was also a member of the Teignmouth Football Club. Prior to emigrating to Canada, he served in the Metropolitan Police. His death is regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances."

100 years on - Memorial Service 2014



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And every one counts

One hundred and eleven names are recorded in the Great War Memorial Window at St James' West Teignmouth – each one a local person who died in, or as a result of, the horror of the war which was to end all wars. The window was commissioned by The Revd B B Liptrott, the then Vicar of St James', who had lost a son in an heroic action near Festubert in the early months of the war. The memorial window was unveiled at a special service on 25th July 1920.



At 3.00pm on Sunday 27th July 2014, within just hours of the actual centenary of the start of the First World War, we shall gather at St James' to honour the local men who died in the four year conflict.

On behalf of the Churchwardens of St James', we invite you and members of your church family to join us for this special commemoration. It is our hope that many descendants of those men named in the window will join us on the day. Indeed, the associated display in the window of T Clark Funeral Services in Teign Street has already attracted a lot of comment and interest.

The service will include special prayers, hymns and an address from a serving Army Chaplain, The Revd Robin Richardson CF, who has served several tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Medals may be worn and uniformed organisations are being encouraged to bring standards which will be paraded. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Please reply, by email or using the slip below. For further information, please contact the Parish Administrator at the address above.

Yours faithfully

Preb Graham Stones
Rector

PS Please draw the attention of your own congregations to this important opportunity for the local community to come together to commemorate this significant centenary!

Service at a War Memorial

*A commemoration of
the First World War
1914 - 1918*

**GREAT WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE
St James the Less, West Teignmouth
3.00pm, Sunday 27th July 2014**



